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TAGS: PINS, BR, CPRS (MORRIS, FREDERICK B.)

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AMCIT MORRIS CASE

FOLLOWING ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONVERSATION  
BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA AND AMBASSADOR CRIMMINS  
WHEN LATTER DELIVERED DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON FREDERICK MORRIS  
(BRASILIA 7616).

2. WITH RESPECT TO FIRST POINT OF NOTE CONCERNING  
HUMANE TREATMENT FOR MORRIS, THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID  
HE COULD GIVE ASSURANCES TO THE AMBASSADOR BASED ON  
ASSURANCES TO HIM FROM GENERAL FROTA, MINISTER OF THE  
ARMY THAT MORRIS WOULD BE WELL TREATED. THE FOREIGN  
MINISTER STATED THAT MORRIS' BRUISES DEVELOPED WHEN HE  
HAD JUMPED OUT OF A WINDOW AT THE TIME OF HIS ARREST  
ACCORDING TO INFORMATION HE HAD RECEIVED FROM THE  
MINISTER OF THE ARMY. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HE HAD  
TAKEN NOTE OF THIS OFFICIAL EXPLANATION.

3. SILVEIRA STATED THAT MORRIS WAS OBVIOUSLY A  
SUBVERSIVE AND THE AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT  
NEITHER THE NOTE NOR HIS ORAL REMARKS WERE DIRECTED  
AT THE MERITS OF THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST MORRIS, BUT  
RATHER AT THE VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF AN AMERICAN  
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CITIZEN.

4. ON THE POINT OF THE SECOND DENIAL OF CONSULAR ACCESS TO MORRIS, SILVEIRA STATED THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE THAT THE PROBLEM CONTINUED AND HAD NOT BEEN RESOLVED BY HIS FIRST CALL TO THE MINISTER OF THE ARMY. HE WOULD RAISE THIS ISSUE AGAIN AND INFORM THE AMBASSADOR. WITH RESPECT TO THE OTHER POINTS HE SAID HE WOULD CONSULT WITH THE AUTHORITIES AND GIVE THE AMBASSADOR A REPLY. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HE HOPED FOR AND EXPECTED A VERY PROMPT RESPONSE TO THE POINTS RAISED IN THE NOTE.

5. SILVEIRA STATED THAT HE HAD HEARD FROM THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES THAT CONSUL BROWN HAD BEEN VERY NERVOUS AND EXCITED WHEN HE MET WITH MORRIS AND THAT THIS MIGHT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO ANOTHER MISUNDERSTANDING. THE AMBASSADOR RESPONDED THAT HE HAD KNOWN CONSUL BROWN FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND HAD FULL CONFIDENCE IN HIM.

6. WHILE THE AMBASSADOR WAS TELLING SILVEIRA ABOUT PRESS INQUIRIES RECEIVED AT THE EMBASSY AND THE GENERAL NATURE OF OUR REPLY, THE FOREIGN MINISTER WAS HANDED A PIECE OF PAPER BY HIS PRESS SECRETARY INFORMING HIM THAT THE WIRE SERVICES WERE CARRYING THE STORY OF THE PHYSICAL MISTREATMENT OF MORRIS AND ATTRIBUTED IT TO AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR SOURCES IN BRAZIL. SILVEIRA WAS OBVIOUSLY DISTURBED BY THIS AND SAID THAT THIS WOULD NOT MAKE HIS EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE CASE ANY EASIER. THE AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT THE NEWS OF MORRIS' ARREST HAD BEEN CARRIED IN THE RECIFE PRESS OF OCTOBER 3, AND THAT THE INQUIRIES WE WERE RECEIVING HAD BEEN STIMULATED BY THOSE REPORTS.

7. A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE CONVERSATION WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL.  
CRIMMINS

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